

the canceled claims, the claims to non-elected inventions, the claims as originally filed, and any other claims supported by the specification.

New claims 25-47, directed to Group I, have been added.

It is believed that entry of this Amendment will not require payment of any additional claim fees. Notwithstanding, Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge any additional claim fees required by entry of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-0258.

Support

Support for the new claims is either apparent or is as described in the text below. Support for the recitation of polynucleotides having a specified degree of identity to SEQ ID NO:1 may be found in the specification at, for example, page 26, line 26 through page 28, line 6 and page 12, lines 15-26. Support for the hybridization conditions may be found at, for example, page 13, lines 2-6. Support for the deposit information may be found at, for example, page 7, line 22 through page 8, line 8. Support for "fusion polypeptide" may be found in the specification at, for example, page 11, lines 2-12; page 14, lines 15-30 and page 18, line 32 through page 19, line 6. No new matter is added.

Associate Power of Attorney and Correspondence Addressee form

Attached herewith is an Associate Power of Attorney document. As stated therein please address all future correspondence to Allen Bloom, Dechert Price & Rhoads, at 4000 Bell Atlantic Tower, 1717 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103.

Election/Restriction

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group I (claims 1-12), without traverse. While the election of Group I is without traverse, Applicants reserve the right to traverse restriction requirements between the other asserted claim groups.

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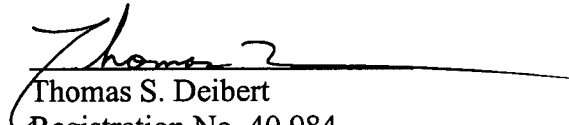
Closing Remarks

Entry of the Response & Amendment and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

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